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SUBJECT: LAWSUIT AGAINST DEPARTMENT OFFICERS BY
LORENZO EDWARD ERVIN, JR.

FOR KENNETH HILL

1. ERVIN HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF HIJACKING AND IS NOW SERVING LIFE SENTENCE. HE HAS BROUGHT THE REFERENCED LAW SUIT PRO SE (REPRESENTING HIMSELF) SEEKING CIVIL DAMAGES FOR PARTICIPATION IN HIS ALLEGED KIDNAPPING IN EAST BERLIN AND IN ALLEGED COERCED SIGNING OF A VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION STATEMENT WHICH ENABLED THE GOVERNMENT TO RETURN THE PLAINTIFF TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. PLAINTIFF IS SEEKING ONE MILLION DOLLARS COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, PUNITIVE DAMAGES OF TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS AND A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLARS AND SUCH

FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COURT DEEMS PROPER, JUST, AND EQUITABLE.

3. MR. HILL IS NOT NAMED AS A DEFENDANT, BUT THE COMPLAINT NAMES ONE UNKNOWN OFFICER OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT
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ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. CONSULATE, BERLIN. DEPARTMENT WILL
AIR-POUCH COPY OF COMPLAINT.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL REPRESENT EMPLOYEES
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN LITIGATION ARISING
OUT OF OFFICIAL ACTS. IN ORDER TO REPRESENT THESE
EMPLOYEES, IT IS NECESSARY THAT JUSTICE RECEIVE A WRITTEN
REQUEST FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION. PLEASE EXECUTE A
REQUEST ALONG THE LINES STATED BELOW AND SEND IT TO DEPART-
MENT. DEPARTMENT WILL THEN GIVE IT TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.
PLEASE CABLE TEXT OF YOUR REQUEST AND THEN SEND ACTUAL
WRITTEN AND SIGNED REQUEST.

5. SUGGESTED TEXT: AS YOU KNOW, I MAY BE NAMED AS A
DEFENDANT IN THE LAW SUIT BROUGHT BY LORENZO EDWARD
ERVIN AGAINST CERTAIN STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICERS IN THEIR OFFICIAL AND
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO
INDICATE MY DESIRE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF GOVERNMENT COUNSEL IN
THESE PROCEEDINGS WHEN AND IF I AM NAMED AS A DEFENDANT.
PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN
REPRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON MY BEHALF
IN BOTH CAPABILITIES.

IF I CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARA-
TION OF THE CASE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

6. PLEASE ADDRESS THE LETTER TO: MONROE LEIGH,
LEGAL ADVISER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. KISSINGER

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